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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Michael N. Opsasnick

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 July 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 10-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-9 and 20-23 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/11/2002.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 6-9, and 20-23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The recited limitations pertaining to the detailed calculations involving convolutional and additive noise, with calculations of the corresponding vectors, is not explicitly taught by the prior art of record.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-5,10-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bahl (4817156).

As per claims 1,11,15, Bahl (4817156) teaches a method and apparatus for adapting a speech recognition system to speech data (abstract) comprising:

“computing alignment information between.....system” as computing similarity relations (col. 3 lines 36-40; col. 5 lines 50-55);

“computing an original spectra...mean vector” as the vector is a spectral representation of speech (col. 5 lines 34-48), including a mean, or average (col. 17 lines 12-16);

“estimating....utterance” as maximum likelihood estimator (Fig. 15, subblock 608);

“transforming a current feature vector....spectral domain” as linear average transition probabilities (col. 16 lines 62-65).

As per claims 2,3,12,13,16,17, Bahl (4817156) teaches both transforming current feature vectors and model vectors (Fig. 9)

As per claims 4,14,18, Bahl (4817156) teaches MLST (Fig. 15, subblock 608).

As per claims 5,19, Bahl (4817156) teaches further computation of a likelihood (as maximum likelihood based upon the previous feature vector transformation – col. 16 line 55 – col. 17 line 14).

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As per claim 10, Bahl (4817156) teaches a forward-backward Baum-Welch algorithm (Fig. 15, col. 2 line 50).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Please see related art listed on the PTO-892 form.

6. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Opsasnick, telephone number (703)305-4089, who is available Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. Doris To, can be reached at (703)305-4827. The facsimile phone number for this group is (703)872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group 2600 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4750, the 2600 Customer Service telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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